

REMARKS

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 4, 2008, applicants respectfully request reconsideration. In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 7-10, 12-17 and 19-22 were rejected and claims 6, 11 and 18 were objected to. By this amendment, claims 2, 6, 11, 14 and 18 have been amended and claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 12-13, 15-17 and 19-22 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 2, 6, 11, 14 and 18 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-5, 7-10, 12-17 and 19-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Maxim Data Sheet 19-2735, Rev 0, 1/03 in view of Succsmilch.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 12-13, 15-17 and 19-22 have been canceled without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. In view of the cancellation of claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 12-13, 15-17 and 19-22, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 is moot and should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the examiners indication that claims 6, 11 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 6, 11 and 18 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 2 and 14 have been amended to change their respective dependency.

Based on the foregoing, applicants respectfully assert that claims 2, 6, 11, 14 and 18 are allowable over the art of record and respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

In the event the Patent Office deems personal contact desirable in disposition of this matter, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (508) 293-7835.

Please charge any fees occasioned by this submission to Deposit Account
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Respectfully submitted,

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